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1. Informant belonging Chinese-line group told Congen employee this noon that same men who attacked Second Army Headquarters June 27 stole 475 kilos dynamite from Raposa Tavares stone quarry early morning June 28. Army source confirmed theft. Afternoon papers carrying theft report saying 450 kilos stolen.
2. Army and SNI sources denying Second Army Headquarters were machine gunned June 27 (see reftel), say Volkswagen sedan ran through barrier and guards fired into air. Some reporters, however, continue claim they were told by sentries that attack took place. Also Congen local employee acting on tip received previous evening visited Army Headquarters

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yesterday morning before news broke and was told by
soldier that attack occurred. Moreover soldier on duty
had license numbers two cars one of which was from interior
of state thus tending place doubt on Army claim only one car
involved.

3. General Lisboa was quoted in Jornal da Tarde today as
telling Governor Sodre that he had no doubt concerning identity
terrorists saying "They are former army, navy and air force men
who were stripped of political rights and punished by Revolution."

The ~~XXXXXX~~ General said style of attacks, typical of urban
warfare in which military men are trained, proves thesis. He
will
added they soon/be captured.

4. Same Chinese-line source mentioned above said other attacks
on Second Army Headquarters being planned. Purpose attacks
is demoralize and discredit Army.

5. Major of Second Army informed Congen June 27 that "majority"
of officers of Second Army are dissatisfied with General Carvalho
Lisboa because they believe his statements June 22 and June 26
were vulgar and ill-advised. First statement, they believe,

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challenged radicals to make explosion on June 26.

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Same source also claims General Syzeno Sarmento of First Army during meeting in Rio June 26 criticized Lisboa strongly for statement Second Army prepared intervene in Rio. Source also stated that unless officer dissatisfaction dispelled, Lisboa will have difficulty remaining in Command Second Army.

6. Comment: Bombing Second Army June 26 and killing young soldier caused wave statements repudiating violence by local politicians. Also moderate students have told Congen officer they repelled and shocked by bombing and violence during demonstration on June 24. Congen has no news of new student demonstrations. Congen will attempt obtain further information on attitudes Army officers concerning General Lisboa. It possible Major expressing minority rather than majority view. ⁴⁷ EO50x1

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